

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

7:00 p.m. – Signing of Bills 7:05 p.m. – Regular Meeting

A. Call meeting to order:**Attendance:**

Welcome to new Commissioner – Tim Bresnahan

B. Minutes of last meeting:**C. Communications:**

1. Request to use Gazebo for a wedding pictures on October 3, 2015 by John Mills and Paula Carreira.
2. Chicopee High School Soccer Team hosting a youth Soccer Clinic at Szot Park October 21.

D. Recreation Report

1. Adult leagues: Volleyball and Basketball.
2. Adult Programs: Fitness, Yoga
3. Youth Sport Leagues/Teams & Youth Rec Leagues - soccer
4. Aquatics Programs: Swim Lessons, lap swim, open swim and aqua aerobics
5. Summer Pool badge (season pass) and one day pass
6. New programs – women's basketball fall league
7. Safety – CPR, First Aid, Babysitting classes
8. Bus Trips -

E. Maintenance Report

1. Tasks Accomplished in August & Sept– Priorities: Diamonds turned over to remove grass and ready for winter, repairs to Szot Tennis Court cracks. Other court prioritized: Fairview, Ash, Nash, Dana. Closing facilities for winter – removing water meters, closed water sprays, fountains and bubblers first, then Comfort stations not used by High School teams.
2. Event support: Block Party, Lorraine's Kitchen 5K Reach the Beach Trail Run Sept 19, 22 sporting events at Szot stadium
3. Ongoing: Mowing and trimming all park parcels and cemeteries, Equipment maintenance, painting soccer fields, repair to playground equipment at Ike Albert, Cemetery: pour foundations, Pick up trash at all parks 1-2x a week,
4. Parks Labor Force: 5 openings remain – (1) 3GL, and (4) 5GL interviews October 2

F. Old Business:

1. Wisniewski Park-Our Common Backyards Grant update. Phase II w/ CDBG funds. A meeting with Planning, Mayor and Community Development Director giving permission to proceed with design plans for phase 2. Concern of a neighbor.
2. Update Szot Phase 2 & phase 3 – Pre-construction meeting Sept 16, reviewed drawings. Gardner Construction will begin construction for accessible pathways October 5.
3. Update Pool renovations for other pools & testing results. Next Meeting October 8 at 10am
4. Chicopee Community Garden Council – Guidelines for review
5. PARC Grant – final version ready for mail Monday and notice to Rep Wagner.
6. Update Lincoln Grove Resource Center – renovations, hiring Program Coordinator,
7. Rivers Park parking lot line painting
8. Large group rental guidelines
9. Other Old Business

G. New Business:

1. Youth Sports Task Force meeting with organizational representatives Sept 21 –facilitated by 2 Springfield College Professors: Dr. Ted France and Dr. Albert Petitpas. Very well attended, good discussion, Shared current reality with each other, Saw possibilities of collaboration with Parks Dept, Spfld College and each other. Topics for future work include: coaching resources, waiver & health forms, cross marketing, winter gym space, and spring preseason gym space

2. Urban forestry bald root plantings at Lincoln Grove in November
3. Installation of WiFi at Szot Park
4. Inquiry by Tom Kilbania regarding having an event at Szot Park Memorial Day Weekend also consideration of a Winter Carnival.
5. Suggestion regarding early sale of Season Pool Passes usable for winter and summer.
6. Fairview playground – partnership with school and PAC. Meeting October 7, 10am
7. Request for access to pass a water main through Williams Park by Tighe & Bond for City.
8. Park Event Permit Request form for Schools, Non-profits, Businesses for small events
9. Marketing Plan for Parks and Recreation programs
10. Completion of Capital Assets Report 2015
11. Halloween Costume Walk October 27, Tuesday, Downtown.
12. Other new business.

H. Assistant Superintendent's Report

1. Projects: Summer Food Program,

I. Meeting adjourned:

J. Next Meeting: _____